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Applicant(s): K. KURODA et al  
Serial No.: 10/748,139  
Filed: December 31, 2003  
For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH AN ACTIVE REGION  
AND PLURAL DUMMY REGIONS  
Group: 2826  
Examiner: T. QUACH

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**MS: AMENDMENTS**  
Commissioner For Patents  
POB 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 4, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2005, please amend the  
above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

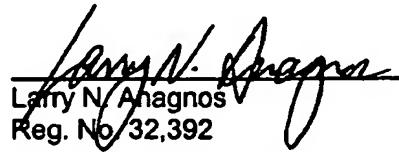
**Amendments to the Claims; and**

**Remarks are included following the Amendment.**

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Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Dep. Acct. No. 01-2135 (501.40803VX1), and  
please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,  
**ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP**

  
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